

A Celebration of the Life
of
Joann Alexander



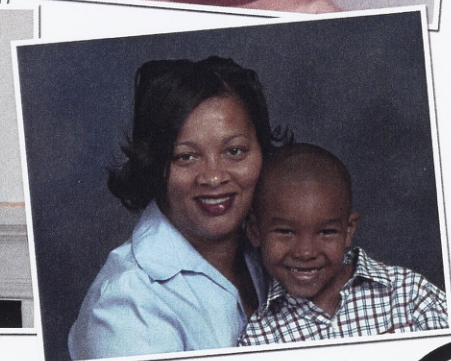
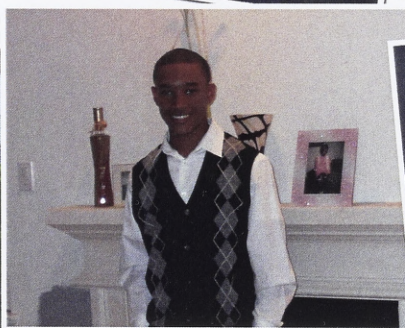
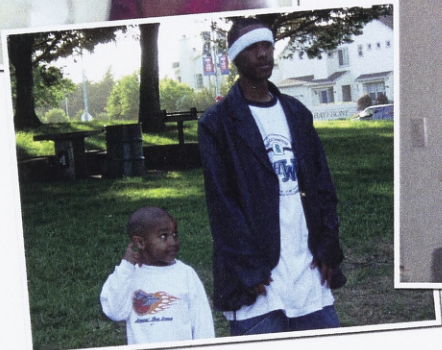
SUNRISE: JULY 4, 1948

SUNSET: JANUARY 28, 2014

SERVICES HELD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014
11:00 AM

INDEPENDENT HOLINESS CHURCH
605 SO. 16TH STREET
RICHMOND, CA 94804
REV. DR. RAYMOND LANDRY, PASTOR

OFFICIATING
MINISTER JOE L. FISHER, SR.



With Love From Your Grandsons

I guess this is where we say goodbye. I wasn't quite ready to say it but this is how life works. I know I'm going to miss you a lot. Your laugh, your smile and your encouraging words that held me together. You are in a better place now. No more pain to worry about. So in the state of mind I'm in, I'm going to stay strong for you. I promised you a lot of things when I come home, you know what they are and I am going to follow through with my word and take care of it. Even though it's been hard to smile, I will keep one on my face for you. But before you leave me I just have to ask you one thing momma, can you please watch over me?

Love Tip (Timothy)

Hey Granny - I just wanted to let you know that I love you so much and that I am going to miss you so much! I know that you are in a better place now and that I will see you again. Thank you for always being there for me and supporting me in everything I do. You will always be in my heart forever.

I Love You - Armani

Dear Granny - I'm going to miss you and your nice smile. I didn't want you to go but I'm glad you don't have to be in pain anymore. Your unconditional love will never be forgotten. I love you with all my heart and I am glad you are in God's hands.

Love You Always - Christopher

Obituary

JoAnn Alexander was born to proud parents Charlie Harris Jr. and Helen Harris on July 4, 1948 in Martinez, CA. She relocated to Dallas, TX in 2008 to spend time with her daughter Detra and grandson Armani. JoAnn returned to California in December 2013 to spend her final days and be cared for by her family and friends.

JoAnn accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at True Gospel Baptist Church in Oakland, CA. After her family moved to Richmond, Providence MBC became her church home. While residing in Texas, JoAnn became a member of Friendship West Baptist Church where Frederick D. Haynes III is the pastor.

JoAnn was educated through the Richmond Unified School District. She graduated from Harry Ells High School in 1966. After graduating high school, she worked for the University of California for 15 years.

On August 23, 1970, JoAnn was united in holy matrimony to Stanley Alexander. This union was blessed with two daughters - Carmen and Detra Alexander.

JoAnn was a loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed a special bond with each one of her grandsons. JoAnn was a very active person and she enjoyed playing softball. She loved family gatherings, at which she could be found holding her own at the card table. Her favorite holiday was her birthday - July 4th for which she expected a barbeque.

On January 28, 2014 JoAnn entered into eternal peace. Her husband, Stanley Alexander, her parents Charlie, Jr. and Helen Harris and three siblings - Freddie, Irma and Garland, preceded her in death.

JoAnn leaves to mourn her daughters - Carmen and Detra Alexander. Two stepsons - Stanley, Jr. and Brian Alexander. One stepdaughter - LaShrea Alexander. Three grandchildren - Timothy Cook, Armani Watts and Christopher Hughes. Four step-grandchildren - Joseph and Tranice Alexander, Felipe Mitchell, Jr. and Victoria McMillan. One great-granddaughter - JaNiah Landen and one step-great-grandson - Jaccari Mitchell. Two sisters - Bernie Fisher and Helen Harris. One brother - Kenneth Harris. Her Godmother - Jessie Gallon. And, a host of in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Order of Service

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Scriptures

Old & New Testament.....Rev. Dr. Raymond Landry

Prayer.....Minister Joe L. Fisher, Sr.

Musical Selection.....Saundra Burton

Obituary.....Mary Ella Thomas

Acknowledgements.....Diane Ingram

Expressions and Poems.....Family and Friends (2 min)

Musical Selection.....Saundra Burton

Eulogy.....Minister Joe L. Fisher, Sr.

Parting View.....Mortuary Staff

Recessional.....The Family

Interment- Private

From Your Dallas Family

Mrs. JoAnn – I just wanted to thank you for being there and having me in the family and treating me like your own grandson. Thank you for supporting me at my games and everything I did. You will truly be missed.

Love You – Tee Jones

Granny - I just want you to know that I love you so much and appreciate the advice that you gave me. Your beautiful smile and laughter will be missed. I know that you have gone to a better place; you will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss you.

Love Tyrone

Granny – This is a woman who treated all of us kids like her grandchildren no matter who they were. When I first met Granny, I would call her Mrs. JoAnn. But not long after I met her, I started calling her Granny because she reminded me of my own grandma. Mrs. Joann treated me like her own grandchild, with much love. She even put me in check when I was in trouble. That is what made me love her so much. Over the years my relationship with granny grew and our bond became unbreakable. I use to call her my granny away from home but that soon changed to me just calling her granny. I loved Granny with all my heart and will miss her dearly. I pray that I can uphold that image that she had of Armani and I playing for the same NFL team because I know that would definitely make her proud.

Love – Jordan Davis

Mama JoAnn, you were a woman that was full of such joy and life. I am so grateful that I had an opportunity to know you and for you to become a part of our lives. I will treasure all of the good memories we have – from football, track and basketball to BBQ's and house visits just sitting and talking or watching TV. When you came to Texas you accepted our son as one of your grandchildren as well as me and Robert as your children. You had such a big heart and a caring soul. You shared your wisdom freely and you chastised when necessary. Words cannot express the sorrow my family feels to know that you have passed, but there is joy in knowing that you are no longer suffering and that you are in the Kingdom of Heaven. Please tell my Dad hello and I love him. He'll be the one playing the piano or the saxophone or greeting you at the gates saying, "Heeeey Laaady!" Rest peacefully Mama JoAnn and know that Detra and Armani will be okay. We love you dearly.

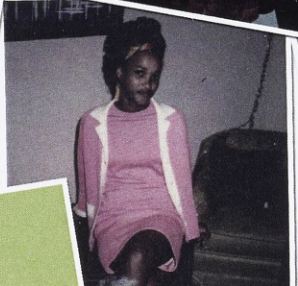
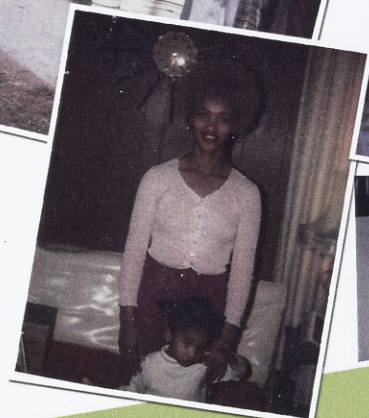
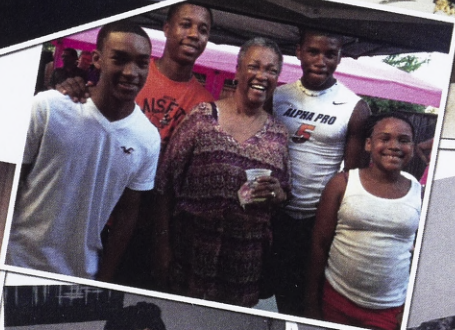
Your Texas Family
Robert, Zee & Jordan Davis



The Masterpiece

You are special!
 Created by the hands of God himself!
 Awaken by His breath!
 Filled with His spirit!
 Redeemed by His blood!
 Live by His love!
 For none on this earth could be
 measured equal to you!
 So live as what you are supposed to be!
 The masterpiece of GOD!

By Andreas Yonatan



Friendship

It's built on trust and honesty;
 It lifts your spirits high;
 For friendship is a bond for life;
 With friends like you and I.

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Pallbearers

Levi Hill
Chester Thomas
Johnny S. Dansby

Arthur Alexander
Keith Alexander
Kenneth Alexander

Honorary Pallbearers

Timothy Cook
Brian Alexander
Garland Harris, Jr.
Damon S. Davis, Jr.
DaJuan Alexander
Kenneth Alexander, Jr.
Steve Crociani

Armani Watts
Joseph Alexander
Andre Harris
Wayne Thomas, II
Dashawn Alexander
Kevin Alexander

Christopher Hughes
Felipe Mitchell
Samuel Harris
Wayne Thomas, III
Darnell Alexander
Austin Hopkins

Stanley Alexander, Jr.
Kenneth Harris
Charles E. Roberson, Jr.
Brandon Graves
Isaiah Alexander
Cluster (JR) Harris, Jr.

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express our sincere appreciation for the many comforting messages, cards, flowers, prayers and other expressions of kindness in our time of need. It means so much to our family to know that you care. If during our time of bereavement we overlooked anyone, please forgive us and accept our sincere gratitude.

A special thank you to Darlene Thomas, Mary Ella Thomas, Bennie Buford, LaVonne Clark and Joyce Aimee for helping the family provide our loved one with the care and comfort needed to peacefully transition into the Kingdom. Your love, compassion and sacrifice will always be remembered. Thank you to the staff of Napa Valley Hospice for assisting us with the care of our loved one.

We also wish to thank: Minister Joe L. Fisher, Sr., Independent Holiness Church, Rev. Dr. Raymond Landry, MSW, PSY.D. and, the Smith & Witter Funeral Home.

The Family of Jo Ann Alexander

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